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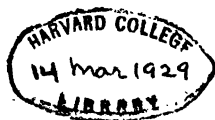
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They wish to impress on your minds, the importance of this establishment, that you may manifest an increasing concern for its prosperity, seeing that much depends on your co-operation in the support of an INSTITUTION, which is intended to promote, not only the good of your

children, but their happiness and yours, both here, and hereafter.

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Many of you have not been favoured with the privileges your children now enjoy, that of a gratuitous education. Every parent who is solicitous for the welfare of his offspring, but whose circumstances may be such, as not to be able to pay the expense, is invited to come forward, and place them where they may be instructed in literature, in the paths of virtue, and in the road to happiness.

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You know that many evils grow out of *Idleness*, and many more out of the improper use of *Spirituos Li-quors*; that they are ruinous and destructive to morals, and debase the human character below the lowest of all created beings : we therefore, earnestly desire, you may be watchful, and careful in this respect, otherwise in vain may we labour to promote the welfare of your children.

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IX.

In domestic life, there are many virtues which are requisite, in order to promote the comfort, and welfare of families. TEMPERENCE and ECONOMY, are indispensable, but without CLEANLINESS, your enjoyments as well as your reputation, will be impaired; it is promotive of HEALTH, and ought not to be neglected. Parents can perhaps scarcely give a greater proof of their care for their children, than by keeping them *clean*, and *decent*, especially when they are sent to school, where it is expected they will appear with their hands, faces, and

heads perfectly clean, and their clothing clean and in good order : the appearance of children exhibits to every observing mind, the character of the mother.

Among other moral, and religious SECTION  
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**EIGHTHLY** No child can be admitted under six years of age.

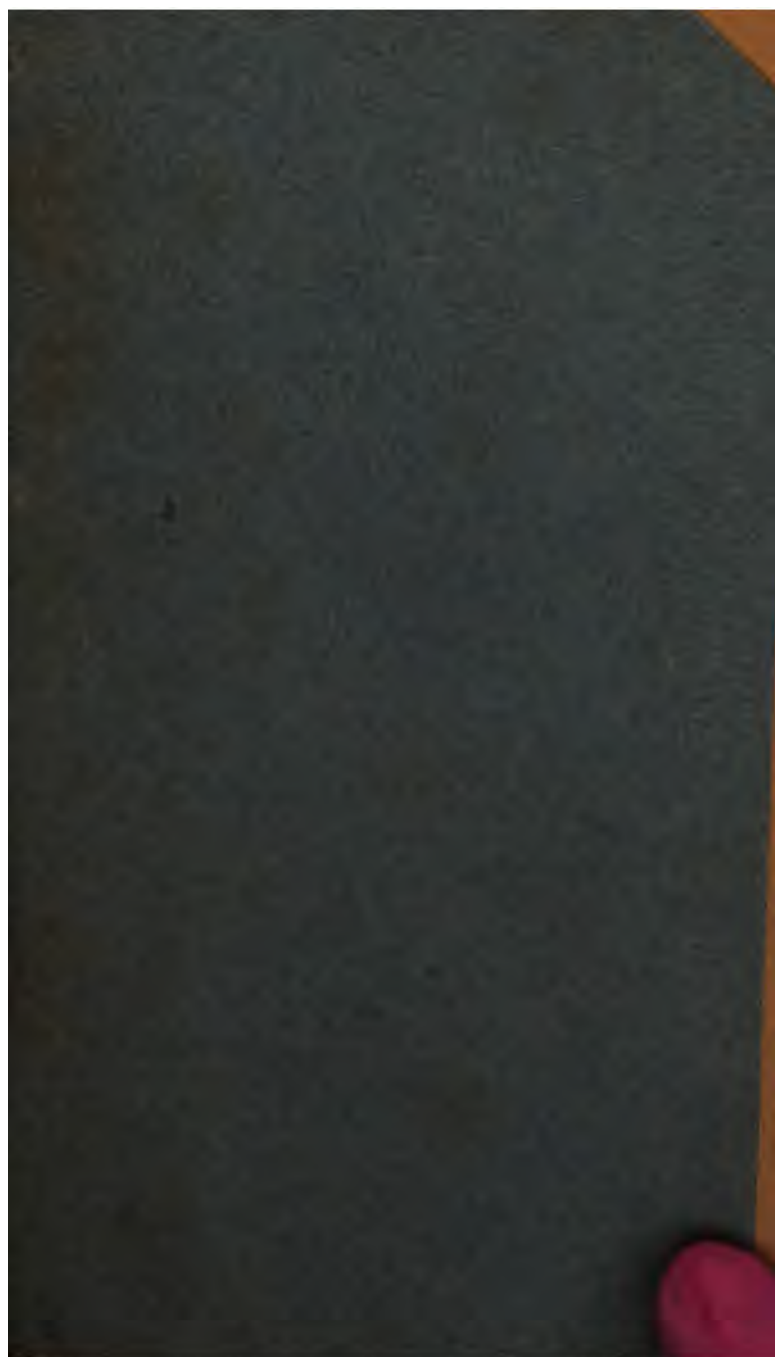
**NINTHLY.** The children of Parents who are able to pay for schooling, cannot be admitted.

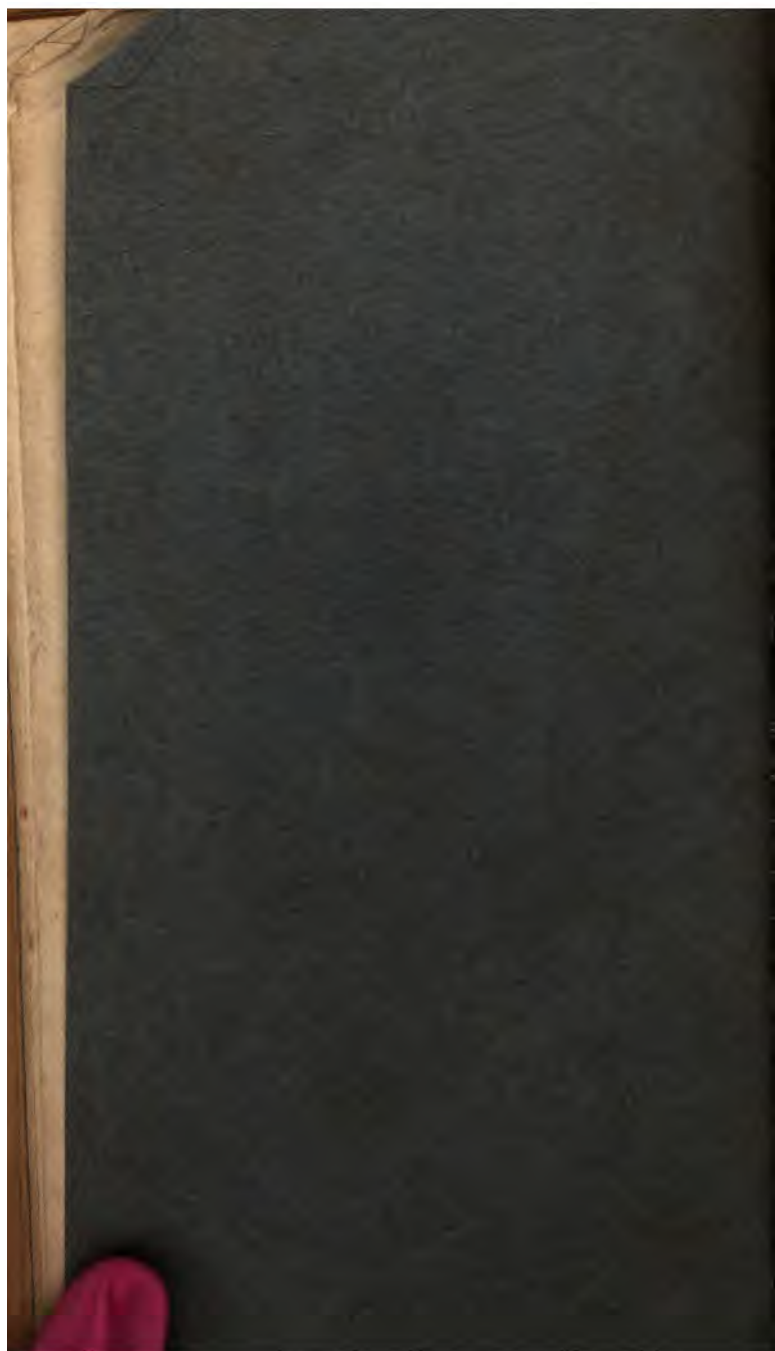
**TENTHLY.** It is expected that Parents see that their children regularly attend some place of Worship.

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